such as bandalling dredging, channel marking etc. are planned for the entire stretch of NW-2 for which a sum of Rs. 4 Crores is provided in the Budget for the current year.

(ii) Terminals:— Floating terminals have been provided at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, Tezpur and Neamati. Pontoons have been constructed for providing floating terminal at Sadiya and Saikhowa. A sum of Rs. 67 lakhs has been spent on construction of Pontoons and a sum of Rs. 80-90 lakhs is meant for annual maintenance of floating terminals.

(iii) Navigational aids/Equipments:— Navigational facilities for 24hrs between Dhubri and Guwahati are planned to be ensured and a sum of Rs. 4.63 Crores is earmarked for the purpose. So far, a sum of Rs. 85 lakhs has been spent.

(c) The approved scheme for Dhubri-Pandu stretch envisages procurement of 210 lighted buoys. So far 72 buoys and 106 lights have been procured and the work for installation and maintenance of the lighted buoys has been awarded to IWT directorate of Govt. of Assam.

(d) Regular hydrographic surveys, bandalling and channel marking are being carried out on year to year basis through IWT, Directorate of Government of Assam. All weather navigation by 600 tonne vessel upto Pandu is presently available. The target is to extent this facility upto Dibrugarh/Sadiya. Besides river notices and pilotage service are provided for safe movement of vessels.

(e) New proposals include hiring of dredgers, procurement of new survey launch, extension of night navigation facility upstream of Pandu in phases and construction of permanent terminal at Pandu, subject to availability of funds.

Road safety

1055. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carefully scrutinised the representations from social activists and people concerned with road safety;

(b) if so, whether any steps are taken at the field level;

(c) whether any representations have been received from Andhra Pradesh in the last six months on road safety;

(d) if so, the details of such representations;

(e) the steps taken by Government on such petitions;

(f) whether any official from Delhi was asked to personally enquire into such representations on road safety; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (g) the suggestions and representations from social activists and people concerned with Road Safety are taken due note of. Necessary measures of Traffic Road Safety on all National Highways including National Highways in Andhra Pradesh are incorporated in the detailed project reports for the concerned highways. Senior officials from Delhi undertake field visits as and when required to ensure proper project preparation and thereafter smooth progress of works.

World Bank assistance for NHs in U.P. and Bihar

†1056. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 51 crore dollars have been provided by the World Bank for the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the selection has been made in respect of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(c) if so, what are the details of the National Highways selected in respect of both the States; and

(d) by when Government propose to spend the entire amount on all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) World Bank has approved a loan of US $ 51.6 crores.

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